

REMARKS

Amendments

Claims 1-29 are amended to use language in accordance with conventional US practice, and to delete superfluous language. In addition, claims 23, 24, 27, and 29 are converted into method claims.

New claims 30-37 are directed to further aspects of the invention and are supported throughout the disclosure. See, for example, page 3, line 17, page 13, lines 33-36, page 15, lines 26-29, page 16, line 34, page 17, lines 9-10, 19 and 24, the examples, and the original claims.

Election

In response to the Restriction Requirement, applicants hereby elect Group I, i.e., claims 1-5 and 7-29 wherein Z, Z' and E form a piperidine ring, Q is absent, and T is a piperidine ring. Claims 1-37 read on the elected Group. As for the Election of Species, applicants hereby elect the compound (R)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-[2-(1'-methyl-4,4'-bipiperidinyl-1-yl)-2-oxo-1-phenylethyl]urea (see, e.g., the first compound in claim 21). Claims 1-37 read on the elected species. However, the Restriction is respectfully traversed.

In the Restriction, applicants' compound genus is divided into 11 Groups, depending on the definitions of the variable groups Q, T and the combination of E, Z, and Z'. As noted in the Restriction, a Markush grouping (as presented in the instant claims) will satisfy PCT rule 13.2 if the alternatives share a common property or activity and there is a significant common structural element shared by the alternatives.

The compounds share a common activity or property as discussed in applicants' specification. Additionally, the alternatives will share a common significant structure, namely a central piperidinyl ring, when Z, Z' and E form a piperidine ring. Thus, applicants respectfully request that groups III, IV, and IX (as well as any relevant compounds within group XI) be examined with the elected Group I as to those compounds in which Z, Z' and E form a piperidine ring.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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